

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
APPROVED Minutes of March 6, 2012 meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Al Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:35.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Kathleen Paterson, Vicky Wetherell, Meredith Poehlitz, Ed Wazer, Jennifer Kaufman (staff)

2. Minutes of the February 7 meeting were approved.

Old Business

3. *Agriculture Input Session* – Rescheduled to March 14. Registration will include asking attendees to update their entries in the Mansfield Grown brochure.

4. *Right to Farm and Tax Incentive Ordinances* - The Town Council referred these to a Council subcommittee that will meet on March 8.

5. *Ag Leases* - Tabled until after CLCC conference on March 24.

6. *Farmland Preservation Subcommittee Report* - The committee reviewed draft criteria and draft lists of farms and leased farmland. Work on this continues.

7. *Update on Open Space Action Plan* –a presentation to the Town Council will possibly be scheduled for an April Council meeting.

New Business

9. *New Initiatives* – Jennifer suggested that the committee consider sponsoring a Meet Your Farmer event and a meeting for farmers next winter.

10. The committee accepted Ed Wazer's resignation with regret and with appreciation for all of his contributions to our projects.

Announcements

Ag Commissions Conference – Members of the committee indicated that they plan to attend this meeting on March 24.

11. The meeting adjourned at 9:15. The next meeting is on April 3.

